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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING Minutes Thursday, January 10, 2013

Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – County Paramedic Agency
Carlson, R.N., Sharon - Hospital Association of S.D. & Imperial Counties
Marugg, Jim – Ambulance Association of S.D. County
Ochs, Ginger – San Diego County Paramedic Agency (Alt)
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Workman, Debi – Palomar College Technical Representative

Attendees

Eging, David - Americare
Forman R.N., Kelly – Mercy Air
Uhde, Keith – AMR
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla

County Staff

Eldridge, Brett
Pate R.N., Rebecca

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Broyles, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital meetings on May 10, 2012 and June 14, 2012 were not previously approved due to a lack of quorum. A quorum from those meetings was present to approve the minutes.

May 10, 2012 minutes:

A motion was made by Ginger Ochs, seconded by Linda Broyles to approve the minutes of May 10, 2012. Motion carried.

June 14, 2012 minutes:

A motion was made by Debi Workman, seconded by Linda Broyles to approve the minutes of June 14, 2012. Motion carried.

November 8, 2012 minutes:

A motion was made by Jim Marugg, seconded by Sharon Carlson to approve the minutes of November 8, 2012. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions received.

IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

Keith Uhde from AMR provided the following information about the Nevada regulations for “transfer of care”.

- Nevada Senate Bill (SB) 458 requires hospitals to ensure that persons who are transported to a hospital are transferred to an appropriate place in the hospital to receive emergency services and care in a timely manner. The bill has been in effect since 2005.
- Hospitals have a time frame of 30 minutes or less for “transfer of care” from the time the unit arrives at the emergency department (ED). If the transfer of care is more than 30 minutes an advisory committee reviews the incident to determine why the patient wasn’t admitted to the ED within that time.
- In Las Vegas, First Watch has a web based module where the crew logs in with the time of arrival at the ED, and both the medic/EMT and nurse sign the log after transfer of care. A report is generated on times of transfer that the provider and ED can review.

Action Item: Keith Udhe will provide information on SB 458 to the secretary who will forward the information to members of the subcommittee.

Discussion ensued on patient care, entering hospital transfer times into First Watch and surge capacity/bypass measures. The Emergency Medical Oversight Committee (EMOC) is also reviewing the Nevada “transfer of care” plan.

The subcommittee members discussed the number of patients that arrive at the hospital, admissions, the amount of recent flu cases reported, and prevention.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

The Ambulance Ordinance will go before the Board of Supervisors for approval next month. Those changes are not yet reflected in the following policies for review.

A. S-830, Ambulance Provider's Permit Application Process

- Information reflected in the application was added to the policy.
- Policy reference to "this Division" (Page 3, E.4.) will be confirmed as EMS Branch.
- There is a separate policy for appealing a denial. The policy states that you have to wait 1 year after denial to reapply for a permit. That statement is in new Ambulance Ordinance and cannot be confirmed until the Board of Supervisors has approved the Ambulance Ordinance.

B. B-833, Ground Ambulance Vehicle Requirements

- Correction on the latest revision of Federal Specification KKK-A-1822-F.
- Under "Emergency Care Equipment and Supplies (Page 3.C.2.), equipment necessary to comply with California occupational Safety and Health Administration (CAL-OSHA) standards for exposure to blood borne pathogens, add "aerosol transmissible diseases".
- Suggestion to change the policy from B-833 to S-833. "B" refers to Basic Life Support (BLS) policy and "S" refers to system wide policy.

Policies S-830 and B-833 will be reviewed again after the County Board of Supervisors approve the Ambulance Ordinance.

VI. STAFF REPORT

- A. iQCS is online and available for use. It was suggested to update passwords for access.
- B. Flu information, updates, capacity plan and vaccination was discussed.
- C. The Ambulance Ordinance will go before the Board of Supervisors in February.
- D. The National College of Technical Instruction (NCTI) is waiting to be approved to begin the advanced tactical team program for Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) training. The program is set to begin on Monday, January 14, 2013. The AEMT program is funded by a state grant.

VII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2013 at Emergency Medical Services, 6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120.

Debi Workman said that she would appreciate information on flu policies forwarded to the training agencies.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 am.

Submitted by

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